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Richard J. Ericson, et al. : Date: November 8, 2006  
Appln. No.: 10/684,171 : Examiner: Langdon, Evan H.  
Filing Date: October 10, 2003 : Art Unit: 3654  
Title: TRACTION ENHANCED CONTROLLED PRESSURE FLEXIBLE FLAT TENSION  
MEMBER TERMINATION DEVICE

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated June 8, 2006, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.